

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 10th, 2023
Valdosta Campus, Connell Board Room
12:00 Noon

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Borwnlee, Phaydra Crews, Ronnie Dean, Dr. Rodney Green, Amanda Ramshead, Matt Seale, Lisa Sumner, Dr. Mark Sutton, Al Walker
MEMBERS ABSENT: Rebecca Corbett, Sue Hughes, Bradfield Shealy Dr. Joi Williams
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: Deannia Clements, Sabrina Cox, Shannon McConico, April McDuffie, Shalonda Sanders, Cheryl Acree, Susan Jones
SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Lidell Greenway, Michael Williams, Brandy Wilkes, Crissy Staley, Kelly Peacock

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by Assistant Chair Dr. Mark Sutton.

The pledge of allegiance was sited and a blessing for the meal was given by Dr. Mark Sutton.

Special Guest: Ms. Sabrina Cox, (GOAL Coordinator), introduced Michael Kelly, (GOAL Student of the Year). Michael Kelly then presented his appreciation speech to the board, thanking Ms. Cox, his mother, (also in attendance), President Clements, the board, and Wiregrass for their support and the opportunity to excel in competition. President Clements congratulated Mr. Kelly on the incredible job he did in representing Wiregrass.

Miriam Jackson was unable to speak due to a scheduling conflict.

The minutes from the April 12, 2023, meeting were submitted to the board. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Al Walker and properly seconded by Ronnie Dean. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously

Department Updates

Administrative Services (Keren Wynn)

- The Financial Summary for April 30, 2023, was presented. This report reflects 83% of the fiscal year.
- Actual revenue is \$33,724,443 at 76.2% of the year's total revenue, leaving a balance of \$10,06,305, reflecting slightly less than last year.
- The expenses paid thus far in the fiscal year were \$27,589,138, at 71.8% of the expenses left for the year.
- This leaves a balance of \$10,840,221, which reflects TCSG's increased fleet expenses for fuel and vehicle repairs, the \$5,000 personnel raises, as well as various renovation costs.
- CARES funds totaling \$1 million were received for the year.
- There was an \$8.9 million cut to the operating budget via Governor Kemp's line-item veto actions; but an additional \$8.2 million was made available for CDL and advanced nursing programs, with pending allocation to Aviation.

- Governor Kemp also passed a \$2,000 salary increase for all state employees.
- It was noted that reserve funds and Foundation funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year as needed to offset budgetary needs for special projects, unexpected expenses, etc...
- Dr. Rodney Green commended President Clements and Administrative Services for their foresight in being fiscally conservative.
- Further mention was made of our being the only technical college to utilize the GA1 monetary fund, from which an estimated \$120,000 in interest will be earned for the year.
- Board-member Phaydra Crews commended President Clements on avoiding reductions-in-force to offset budget reductions.

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

- Enrollment report as of May 10, 2023, numbers were updated with an increase of 6.3% for Spring semester, with total enrollment of 6155 for the academic year.
- This report marks four consecutive semesters of enrollment growth.
- It was suggested that the report format be adjusted to detail targeted program numbers, (top five & lowest five); and to include marketing pushes and outreach plans for the term.

Academic Affairs Update (April McDuffie)

- Ms. McDuffie detailed new targeted ESL courses, utilizing workforce terminology, which are formatted as reverse ESL course from Spanish to English.
- Condensed, high-impact Integrated training courses of one-week were discussed, including Medical Terminology and Medical Office Skills.

Adult Education Services Update (April McDuffie in the absence of Kelly Peacock)

- Total student enrollment at 12 hours is numbered at 874.
- Total FY23 AES HSE graduate students is numbered at 133.
- Measurable Skills Gains, (MSG) completion rate is at 38.79%.

Foundation/Fundraising Update (Activity Report only)

- February monetary donations included \$10,000 from Loyd Lavendar for computers, and \$50,000 to the George Strickland Foundation-Scholarship fund.
- February equipment donations included \$1500 in polish and supplies by Nails by Gails; and three pieces of artwork of unknown value by Dr. Ron Zaccari.
- March monetary contributions included a \$10,000 donation from Jerry and Kay Bennett to the International Student Scholarship Fund, a \$5000 final pledge payment from Southeastern Credit Union for classroom support, and a \$10,000 donation from Gulfstream, in support of the Aviation program on the Coffee Campus.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

- President Clements thanked her Executive Assistant, Ms. Cheryl Acree, for her many years of service and professional contributions to Wiregrass; and congratulated Ms. Acree on her upcoming retirement.
- Board member Ronnie Dean proposed a standing ovation in honor of Ms. Acree, which was unanimously supported. President Clements then introduced her newly hired

Executive Assistant, Susan Jones, to the board.

- President Clements then informed the board of technology upgrades for all campuses, detailed the changes, and demonstrated usage of the new equipment in Connell boardroom.
- President Clements also spoke about the Workforce Development & Advanced Manufacturing Symposium, concomitantly occurring in Brooks Hall on the Valdosta Campus.
- She discussed the keynote speaker, Mr. Chris Clark, President, and CEO, for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, sharing anecdotes of their professional association; noted the focus on artificial intelligence as it pertains to future growth in advanced manufacturing; and referenced the kick-off of the Georgia AIM Grant, and the pending start of an entrepreneurial advanced manufacturing center.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman COMMENTS:

Next meeting is June 14th at the Ben-Hill Irwin Campus, at 12 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm was given by Matt Seale and seconded by Dr. Rodney Green. All in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Jones